

## ABSTRACT

~~The present invention relates to~~ In a method for providing an arbitrary sound, chosen by a  
called subscriber, instead of as a ringback tone to a calling subscriber through a call-originating  
exchanger. In this present invention, if a call is generated to an exchanger, the call-originating  
exchanger requests a trunk connection to a sound [[db]] database server based on [[the]] first  
information on whether or not to replace an RBT (RingBack Tone) and [[the]] second information  
on a route to the sound [[db]] database server that are received from a home location register  
(HLR), and provides a called subscriber identification for the sound [[db]] database server. Then,  
the sound [[db]] database server searches its [[db]] database for a sound specified by the called, and  
provides the found sound for the caller instead of a conventional RBT via the originating exchanger  
connected through [[a]] the requested trunk connection. Through this sequential procedure of  
network elements, a The caller can hear a sound specified by [[a]] the called instead of [[a dry]] the  
conventional RBT.